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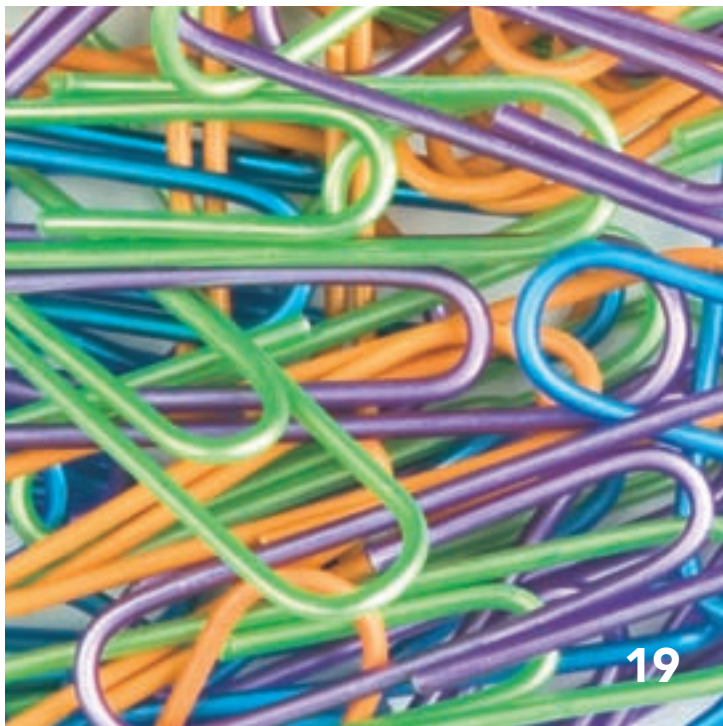


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"The value of an education in a liberal arts college is not the learning of many facts, but the training of the mind to think of something that cannot be learned from textbooks."
— Albert Einstein



ON THE COVER
Terry Chamberlain, associate professor of art, created the painting featured on the cover. Titled "Psalm," the piece hangs in the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies on Cedarville's campus. Terry will also serve as the first chair of the newly formed art and design department.

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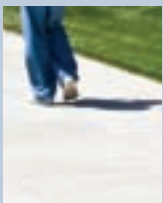
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Students Prepare for Their Future Bylines

CEDARVILLE — From newspaper to radio to television to Internet, the avenues available for relaying the news have expanded at a rapid pace, and the development is far from over. As a result, students wanting to pursue journalism face more opportunities — and more challenges — than ever before.

Launched last fall, Cedarville's new journalism program recognizes the current complexity of the field by bringing together a wide range of disciplines. In this way, students are prepared for every possibility — everything from traditional print to blogs and video.

"Today's college graduates need flexibility for a variety of jobs," said Jeff Gilbert '87, Cedarville's new journalism professor. "Our students are equipped to write for any website or publication, having developed strong skills in those areas."

In addition to his 22 years of extensive journalistic background, Jeff brings a clear vision for the

new major: equipping marketable graduates with experience in today's diverse media outlets.

"Students need to understand social media networks such as Facebook and Twitter," he said, "not only how these methods of communication work but also how they might be used in the future."

Like all of Cedarville's programs, the journalism major integrates a biblical perspective into the coursework. According to Jeff, "Journalists have many opportunities to do the wrong thing." That's why he emphasizes the importance of integrity — in pursuing accuracy, in conducting interviews, and in producing quality work.

As people consume news, they have the tendency to confuse opinions with facts. "The role of a reporter is different from a commentator," said Jeff. "You need to be able to separate yourself from the story and tell the facts, even if the truth hurts the side you support."



Jeff Gilbert '87 brings 22 years of journalism experience to the classroom.

In the often-controversial field of journalism, the ethical dilemmas and changing context require students to have both discernment and flexibility. But it's a challenge Cedarville considers vital for preparing students to engage their world with biblical truth.

To learn more about the journalism program, visit www.cedarville.edu/journalism.

Footsteps of History

It's not every day that a double-decker bus pulls into a Cedarville parking lot. But on January 27, a group of 30 students, faculty, and staff — including Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brown — piled in and headed south on the annual Civil Rights Bus Tour, a five-day excursion that retraces the major events of the Civil Rights Movement.

Stopping first in Atlanta, Georgia, the group visited the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site and then continued on to Alabama for stops at the Rosa Parks Museum, the National Voting Rights Museum, and the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute. The trip culminated in Memphis, Tennessee, at the National Civil Rights Museum.

"It is one thing to learn about history," shared Nate Davidson '12, "but completely different to walk in the footsteps of those who changed it. From marching over the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma to seeing where Rev. King was assassinated in

Memphis, this trip allowed me to understand the Civil Rights Movement in an entirely new way."

While traveling on the bus, the group watched several videos that either reflected on incidents of the movement or dealt with racial reconciliation in today's world.

Julita Bailey '11 remarked, "Martin Luther King, Jr., and many others risked their lives for something they knew was right. Although they may not have seen the results of their work, that did not stop them from continuing forward. They lived for God and the futures of those who would come after them."

The Civil Rights Bus Tour affirms Cedarville's commitment to integrating faith, learning, and life. Through witnessing the failures and triumphs of recent American history, students learn to analyze these events from a biblical worldview, which then equips them to engage their world more courageously and effectively.



"This trip allowed me to understand the Civil Rights Movement in an entirely new way."

chapel report

Authentic praise. A community gathering. Challenging speakers.

Some things never change. Meet a few of the guests who spoke in chapel during the past few months. Listen to archived chapel broadcasts at www.ThePath.fm/chapel.

George Murray (January 5–7)
Chancellor of Columbia International University
www.ciu.edu

Gracia Burnham (January 6)
Representative for New Tribes Mission
www.graciaburnham.org

Chris Williamson (January 12–13)
Senior Pastor of Strong Tower Bible Church,
Franklin, Tennessee
www.strongtowerbiblechurch.com

Mark Cahill (January 19)
Evangelist
www.markcahill.org

Hayes Wicker (January 20–21)
University Trustee and Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church
of Naples, Naples, Florida
www.fbcn.org

Stan Archie (January 27–28)
Senior Pastor of Christian Fellowship Baptist Church,
Kansas City, Missouri
www.cfbckc.org

Tite Tiénou (February 9)
Dean and Senior Vice President of Education at
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
www.tiu.edu/divinity

Chris Miller (February 24–25)
Senior Professor of Bible at Cedarville University
www.cedarville.edu





Making Him Known: The 2010 Missions Conference

For the last 51 years, students have looked forward to the annual Missions Conference that now signifies the start of spring semester. This year, more than 90 missions agencies sent representatives to campus to talk with students and lead workshops. Dr. George Murray, a former missionary and evangelist and current chancellor of Columbia International University, was the featured speaker for the conference. By reaffirming the power of prayer, he challenged students to actively participate in global missions by praying fervently for believers and unbelievers around the world.



yellow jacket sports

Yellow Jackets Honor Elvin King



After 41 years of service at Cedarville, Elvin King '64 stepped down as head coach of the Lady Jacket cross country program following the 2009 season. He will retire from the department of exercise and sport science at the end of the 2009–10 academic year.

"It's just the right time for me," King stated. "The Lord has blessed me immensely, and my wife, Joyce, and I are still looking forward to helping the athletic program however we can."

King has been involved with the distance running program since coming to Cedarville in 1969. He started the women's track and cross country programs in 1979 and is the only coach the University's highly regarded women's cross country team has ever had. In 2002, he devoted his coaching time to women's cross country, having previously coached women's track and men's cross country.

"We certainly appreciate all that Elvin has done, not only at Cedarville but also throughout the state and nation," remarked Dr. Alan Geist '83, athletic director. "We will miss his influence on the women's cross country program and on the entire athletic department."

King's teams have won 18 track and cross country titles in the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA). Sixteen of his runners have received the Wheeler Award (men) or the Bullock Award (women), which symbolize the NCCAA's Athlete of the Year in either track or cross country.

The biggest highlight of King's coaching career occurred in 2001 when Cedarville captured the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) national championship, becoming the only Yellow Jacket team to receive an NAIA title. That same year, he was named the NAIA Coach of the Year. In 2008, the women's cross country team won the All-Ohio Intercollegiate Championship, competing against all major colleges in Ohio and becoming the first NAIA school to win the trophy.

King's efforts earned him inductions into Cedarville's Athletic Hall of Fame (1988), the NCCAA Hall of Fame (1993), and the NAIA Hall of Fame (2005). In recognition of his longtime service to Cedarville, the University's new distance running venue was named the Elvin R. King Cross Country Course in 2006.

Elvin and Joyce — who was inducted into Cedarville's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003 for her meritorious service to Yellow Jacket athletics — reside in Cedarville.



Building Up the Body

In fall 2009, Bruce Traeger was named director of the newly formed church relations department at Cedarville. Bruce has worked at the University since 2002. Inspire recently talked with him about his passion to partner with churches.

Why did you decide to take this role?

The local church has been on my heart since I was a college student, and I've served as a youth director, associate pastor, and worship pastor. There are tremendous opportunities for Cedarville and churches to partner together to influence the world for Christ.

What is the purpose of the church relations department?

Our goal is to develop strategic relationships with pastors and churches and find ways to bless and serve those churches. For example, in the future, we'd like for Cedarville to host conferences geared specifically toward pastors, worship leaders, and youth directors. We want to increase awareness of current programs, such as STEPS (www.cedarville.edu/steps), and discover ways for our academic programs to benefit churches. We're also working to create advisory councils that will help us identify new ways we can serve pastors and churches.

Why is this focus so important to Cedarville?

The church is God's primary means of accomplishing His work on earth. Our ministry to the local church affirms this reality and communicates to students the importance of being involved in church ministry.

How does Cedarville extend the ministry of the local church?

Since students have reaped the spiritual benefits of their home churches, our desire is to build on that strong foundation. Through student life initiatives, coursework, daily chapel, and community ministry, we prepare students to serve the Lord effectively in their local churches.

For more information about church relations, contact Bruce at traegerb@cedarville.edu or visit www.cedarville.edu/churchrelations.



on the road

May 29–30

Lifeline Players
Grafton, Ohio

June 6

HeartSong
Racine, Wisconsin

June 12–13

East to West
Portsmouth, Ohio

June 20

HeartSong
Jamestown, New York

June 23

Dr. Bill Brown
Orlando, Florida

June 23

HeartSong
New Milford, Pennsylvania

June 25

Dr. Bill Brown
San Antonio, Texas

June 26–27

Lifeline Players
Lafayette, Indiana

July 4–10

East to West
Millersburg, Ohio

July 7

Dr. Bill Brown
Orlando, Florida

July 7

HeartSong
Parkersburg, West Virginia

July 16

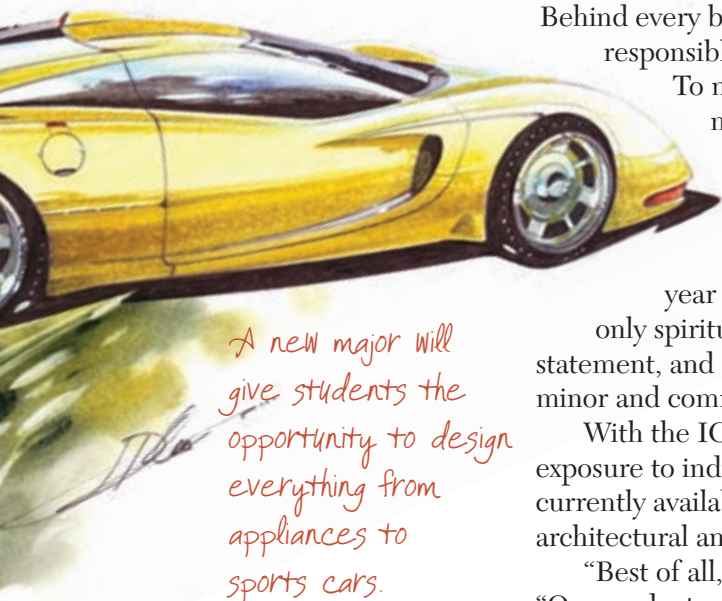
HeartSong
Waterford, Vermont

July 24–25

The Master's Puppets
Saginaw, Michigan

For more events and information, visit www.cedarville.edu/rebs. (All dates are subject to change.)

The Hands of Design



Behind every building, object, and product stands an artist. Though they often go unnoticed, they are responsible for designing everything from toys and toothbrushes to cell phones and sports cars.

To meet a growing demand for these designers, Cedarville will launch its newest academic major — industrial and innovative design* — in fall 2010.

The University is partnering with the International Center for Creativity (ICC) in Columbus, Ohio, to offer this new collaborative program. Students will spend their first two years on Cedarville's campus and then head to Columbus to gain hands-on, "craft-centric" experience at the ICC studio classrooms. Over the five-year vetting process, Cedarville made sure the two organizations were compatible, not only spiritually but also in their goals and values. All of the ICC instructors affirmed the doctrinal statement, and students will fulfill Cedarville's spiritual requirements, including obtaining a Bible minor and committing to regular church involvement.

With the ICC's connection to major corporations, students will gain real-world feedback, exposure to industry leaders, and once-in-a-lifetime networking opportunities. Four study tracks are currently available — consumer product design, transportation design, interior space design, and architectural and exterior space design — all of which provide numerous branches of career potential.

"Best of all, visual design is a global language," said Terry Chamberlain, associate professor of art. "Our graduates will be able to look for a job anywhere in the world."

To learn more about this new major, visit www.cedarville.edu/industrialdesign.

**Pending approval by the Ohio Board of Regents (www.regents.ohio.gov)*

student stats

Where did students study abroad during the 2009–10 school year?





Celebrating 50 Years of Service

This year marks 50 years of investment by two of Cedarville's most loved faculty members: Dr. Don Callan and Dr. Bob Gromacki. Joining the University in 1960, they share a legacy worthy of honor.

Within two years of arriving at Cedarville, Dr. Don Callan (pictured above left) was named athletic director and served from 1961 to 1998, developing the athletic department into a competitive rival with 14 varsity programs. With his 35 years as head men's basketball coach, he ranked third for number of coaching wins in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. In 1996, he received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Agonis Club of Dayton, Ohio, for his longtime commitment and contribution to athletics in Ohio. In 1982, he was named Cedarville's Faculty Member of the Year.

In addition to his more than 50 years of involvement in sports evangelism, Dr. Callan founded Missions Involvement Services at Cedarville. Since then, thousands of University students have traveled across the world on missions trips, and thousands of people have heard the Gospel — directly because of his vision and investment. As professor emeritus of exercise and sport science, Dr. Callan and his wife, Nedra, live in Cedarville.

Dr. Bob Gromacki (pictured above right) came to Cedarville fresh out of

Dallas Theological Seminary to join the Bible department, which at that time consisted of only five professors. He served as department chair for more than 25 years, establishing the Bible minor and several majors within the department. Under his leadership, Cedarville gained national prominence for its Bible programming, doctrinal distinctives, and commitment to Scripture.

Primarily teaching Bible and Greek courses, Dr. Gromacki planted his love of God's Word in his students. With his pastoral heart, he was also committed to mentoring his fellow faculty members. In 1976, he was named Faculty Member of the Year at Cedarville. Throughout his career, he served as an invited lecturer at several schools and published numerous books and articles, including the widely used *New Testament Survey* textbook. He and his wife, Gloria '68, live in Springfield, Ohio, and Seminole, Florida.

On behalf of the entire University and the thousands of alumni influenced by these professors, we extend a celebratory "thank you" to Drs. Callan and Gromacki. Thank you for investing in eternity!

campus events

April

- 12 Choral Concert
- 13 Symphonic Band and Brass Choir Concert
- 15 Orchestra and Concerto Concert
- 19–20 Opera Scenes Concert
- 21 Jazz Band Concert
- 24 Elliv

May

- 1 114th Annual Commencement

June

- 7–11 Academic Camps: Music, Theatre, Worship
- 14–18 Academic Camps: Engineering, Forensic Science, Premed, Writing
- 21–25 Academic Camps: Criminal Justice, Nursing
- 21–25 Super Summer Camp

July

- 5–9 Academic Camps: Engineering, Pharmacy
- 19–23 LIFT Camp

For more events and information, visit www.cedarville.edu/events. (All dates are subject to change.)



What campus play, concert, or recital will you never forget?



Certain performances have a way of staying with us for years to come. Whether silly, romantic, life-changing, or profound, they become unforgettable pieces of our college years.

Mike Colletto '06 played Romeo in the 2006 production of *Romeo and Juliet*, and I was secretly in love with him. However, **I was stuck playing Lady Capulet, his mother-in-law!** Waiting for my entrance as he recited Shakespearean sonnets to another woman was torture. But now we're living happily ever after as husband and wife.

HEATHER (WENZEL) COLLETTO '08, GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

***Bridge of Blood* has greatly encouraged me** over the past 25 years. Written by former Cedarville professor Dr. David Robey, it tells the story of the five missionaries, including Jim Elliot, who were martyred in Ecuador in 1956.

JOY HART '85, GREENVILLE, OHIO

Fiddler on the Roof. Why? Matt Moore '92 as Tevye. Enough said!

MICHELLE (LONGO) MILLER '86, JAMESTOWN, OHIO

Although it wasn't exactly a performance, **I give Dr. Dixon an "A" for his "recital" on dandelions.** Each spring, he explained that the only time we were allowed to be on the lawn was to pick dandelions so they didn't spread through the beautifully maintained campus. I'll never forget those annual speeches!

JEAN (KURTZ) EDINGTON '94, WILLIAMS BAY, WISCONSIN

I worked as a soundman in Alford Auditorium, and one night during a play, **we allowed campus funnyman Ron Hobar '82 up in the crow's nest.** Halfway through the play, we were terrified to realize he had tied a six-pack of soda to an extension cord and was dangling it over the audience's heads! We thought we were toast if anyone complained.

BRIAN TAYLOR '86, GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

Despite our rocky first date, Matt Brown '93 asked me out for a second date to see *The Sound of Music*. **But then he never showed up!** After the play ended, I found out he had been in a 25-car accident that closed Interstate 70 for five hours. Thankfully, no one was seriously hurt. We had a third date and have now been married for more than 13 years.

APRIL (JOHNSTON) BROWN '94, TILTON, ILLINOIS

After the Steve Green concert in the winter of 1998, my mom and I drove back to the Xenia Holiday Inn in the snow. And she was driving so slowly! **As we entered Xenia, I counted at least 30 cars behind us** — plus others that I just couldn't see. Her response was, "I'm going slow to keep us safe, and all those people should be thankful because I'm keeping them safe, too!"

RUTH (JACKSON) CHRISTNER '00, LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, OHIO

Cedarville's production of *Inherit the Wind* in 2002 was performed so well! What made it even more memorable were my dear friends who played the parts. It proved to be a great discussion starter; I'm challenged by the play each time I see it.

JOE SCHNEIDER '05, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

QUESTION FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

What was your most interesting summer job?

Send your answer to Alumni Relations, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314, or e-mail alumni@cedarville.edu. Selected responses will be printed in the summer issue of Inspire. The alumnus who submits our favorite answer will receive a Cedarville sweatshirt! Deadline for entries is May 15, 2010.



*he only way to
change the way you
think is to read.*

A REDEEMPTIVE VERDICT

by Josh Hanks '97

IT'S 1:48 P.M. ON A THURSDAY, and I'm sitting in a courtroom. This is the third time I've heard the judge give the same speech in as many days. "You can do your time with a bad attitude, and you'll have lots of company. Or you can do your time with a view toward getting out." He speaks with the authority of the black robe he wears, and his tone is slightly patronizing, honed by years of presiding over similar criminal cases. Then, as usual, he concludes, "I recommend that you read anything you can get your hands on. Education is the best insurance policy against reoffending, and by the time you get out, you could have the equivalent of a graduate degree."

His final words are the most important: "The only way to change the way you think is to read."

Fortunately, he isn't talking to me. As the prosecutor in the case, I'm comfortably seated in my customary spot next to the jury box. Unfortunately, there is no way to know what the young man in the orange jumpsuit and leg shackles is thinking or what he will do with his time over the 78-month sentence.

As he usually does, the judge suggests the defendant begin his journey by reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In many ways, the suggestion puzzles me. After all, the courtroom's endless parade of gang members, methamphetamine cooks, and crack and powder cocaine dealers bears little similarity to the wrongly accused Tom Robinson from Harper Lee's classic novel. And regrettably, few attorneys have much in common with the noble and courageous Atticus Finch.

Despite the repetition, the judge's words still strike a chord within me. I'm reminded not only of the importance of a well-rounded education, but also of Paul's admonition in Romans 12:2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind."

CROSS-EXAMINATION

I graduated from Cedarville in 1997 with a B.A. in English and a minor in philosophy. Needless to say, my undergraduate coursework was comprised heavily of writing, writing, and more writing,

which served as excellent groundwork for a career that requires effective communication. Since then, I've discovered how profoundly a liberal arts degree develops the way a person thinks. Students in liberal arts programs tend to be observers of the human condition, an inclination I still carry into the courtroom. Studying the works of great authors, artists, philosophers, and historians reveals the complexities and context of human behavior and the motives behind that behavior. In so doing, one cannot escape the realization that there is much to learn.

Read Harper Lee, for instance, and you will be forced to contemplate your prejudices and fears toward those who are different from you. Listening to jazz musician Nina Simone can teach us about our nation's struggle for equality. Author Carson McCullers' writing reminds us of the plight of the most marginalized of our citizens. As we come to understand Greek philosophers, we learn to recognize their influence on the founding of our own nation. And by examining the successes and failures of the Roman Empire, we realize the pitfalls associated with modern political systems.


My studies at Cedarville showed me that my view of the world was quite narrow. It was through literature, philosophy, and history that I grew to appreciate and understand the degree of diversity in the world. Diversity in ethnicity and other demographic variables was apparent even in my two-stoplight hometown of Poca, West Virginia. Yet, for me, the true discovery came through my study of literature and philosophy as I recognized the drastic differences people have in their life experiences and worldviews.

A few years ago, I presented what I thought was a slam-dunk case, heavily supported by the testimony of several drug task force agents. Since childhood, I had always believed that, if I were ever lost or in trouble, I could trust the police to help me. Since there was only one witness for the defense, I was confident the "boys in blue" would carry the day. But I'll never forget overhearing a juror state that she would never believe a police officer no matter what he said under oath. An hour later, the room turned upside down as I watched this repeat offender saunter out of the courtroom cloaked in the freedom of a "not guilty" verdict. Clearly, the jury and I had different perspectives.

This diversity of thought is what I continue to study as a federal prosecutor. This is what the judge tries to convey in his speech to convicts. He's telling them — and me — that when we refuse to look beyond the confines of our own small corner of the world, we stunt our growth. Reading offers a glimpse into other cultures and mindsets. As Atticus Finch said, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view — until you climb inside of his skin and walk around in it." A liberal arts degree is not the only way to expand one's view, but it can be a tremendous advantage.

KEY TESTIMONY

Unfortunately, the main element missing from the courtroom and from most liberal arts programs throughout the country is Jesus. I have a tremendous appreciation for Cedarville's commitment to a biblical worldview. An education in critical thinking and the humanities outside the context of God's redemptive plan for a fallen world is little more than an exercise in political correctness.

It is a common refrain throughout the judicial system that often a defendant is not a bad person but rather someone who simply made bad decisions or mistakes. The truth is that there has only been one good man in the whole of history. We are all born with a sin nature and, as such, make bad decisions and mistakes. Contrary to what the judge says, the best insurance against a life of continual sin is not found solely in a good education. Rather, our minds are renewed and our lives transformed through the work of Jesus Christ. 



Josh Hanks '97 earned his J.D. from West Virginia University College of Law in 2000. He married Angela Miller three years later, and they have two sons. Josh currently works as a federal prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Charleston, West Virginia, and serves as a deacon, adult Bible fellowship leader, and bass player at Bible Center Church. You may contact him at josh.hanks@suddenlink.net.



Finding Joy in the Journey

by Cedarville student Clara Gebert '10, as told to Sharyn Kopf

I STARTED THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE in the 10th grade. I suppose that's part of being super-organized: I wanted to give myself time to make the right decision. Still, I ended up only applying to Cedarville. Three of my four sisters had already graduated from the University, and I had no doubt God wanted me here.

Being so motivated, I came to campus with a lot of college credits but still unsure of what I should major in. With broad interests in politics, history, culture, communication, and international affairs, I didn't know how all of that would play out. Eventually I settled on international studies with a social science concentration — and I knew I'd found what I wanted to do. I also came to see how God had brought people into my life I wouldn't have met if I'd chosen my major right away. That's when I realized God is often more concerned with the journey than with the destination.

Ready to Go

Once I chose my major, I began exploring other opportunities. During my sophomore year, I decided to look for an on-campus job. I was particularly interested in being a tutor at The Cove, Cedarville's academic enrichment center. To my surprise, they offered me the position of office assistant instead. It was definitely a God thing, and I still work there. The staff members have become like family to me.

About the same time, I was asked to consider interviewing to be the committee chair for the Junior/Senior Banquet. I agreed to the interview, though doubtful about whether I should pursue the opportunity. But that's what I do sometimes: ask God to bless me, then freak out when He starts to do just that! After spending time in prayer, I decided to turn the position down, but still became a member of the committee.

Another opportunity that interested me was Delta Alpha Epsilon (DAE). Members of this alumni relations student organization work directly with alumni and represent the student body to them. I couldn't resist such a great experience! I applied for the position and was accepted.

Then Dr. Frank Jenista '68, professor of international studies and my academic advisor, asked me to consider being a part of the Model United Nations team. This was a surprise and a great honor, but once again I was terrified! So much was happening that I didn't know what to do with myself. I joined the team, and God used the experience to confirm my choice of major.

Just One More Thing

So, if you're keeping track, I headed into my junior year as a member of the banquet committee and DAE, as well as co-captain of the Model U.N. team. All that on top of being a full-time student, pursuing a major and three minors, and holding a part-time job. Then, two weeks before school started, the banquet chair announced she wasn't returning to Cedarville. The class officers and advisors asked me to consider taking the position. After praying about it, I felt God saying He wanted me to do this. Yes, I was scared, again, but believed God knew what He was doing.

In October, Peter Brandt '10, junior class president, asked if I would run as his vice presidential candidate for the Student Government Association (SGA). I was speechless for about three minutes. Although flattered, I was uncertain whether this was something God wanted me to do. I asked Peter for a week to think and pray about this huge decision.


Running for SGA would be a lot of work with no guarantee we'd win, and I already had so many responsibilities. But as I reflected on my college journey, I heard God saying this was something He'd been preparing me for. I had a choice between believing my fears of inadequacy or trusting this was an opportunity to learn about God and myself. Again, He reminded me it's about the journey, not the destination. By the end of the week, I had accepted Peter's offer.

A Balancing Act

Going into the spring semester of my junior year, everything seemed to hit at once. In January, we started preparing for the SGA election and began campaigning a month later. Primaries were February 13, followed by the general election. The Junior/Senior Banquet was just around the corner, and Model U.N. regionals were in February, with nationals in April. Not to mention DAE, classes, my job, and, yes, friends. What I didn't have time for was sleep.

On February 20, Peter and I won the election. I was already sleep-deprived at this point, and spring break came just in time. I headed home to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and that first night I slept 17 hours straight.

When my mom finally woke me up, we had a long talk. I had reached a breaking point. I was finding my worth in what I could accomplish, rather than having faith that God could do it all without me. God put me in those positions to make me more like Himself and use me to reflect Him to others — but I was not irreplaceable. My parents reminded me I needed to find a middle ground and remember that while God was choosing to use me, He didn't need me.

When I was back at school, I returned to my room every night and prayed for endurance to finish strong. In completing that semester, God taught me what it looked like to let go of busyness. He wanted me to surrender the results and trust that I'd done what He'd asked of me. I've learned that blessings can sometimes bring challenges and it really is all about the journey. I'm still pretty busy, but I'm finding that balance. And I'm even getting seven to nine hours of sleep a night! 

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"I realized God is often more concerned with the journey than with the destination."

Three Decades of Influence



Whether leading the beloved “Lion of Judah” song in chapel, singing bass in a variety of music ensembles, or talking with students one-on-one, Michael DiCuirci, Sr., is an unforgettable member of the Cedarville family. Thirty years after joining the music department, his prolific talents continue to inspire and entertain anyone fortunate enough to reap the benefits. It’s an honor to reflect on his influence and celebrate his contributions to the University.

Mike’s investment in students extends further than anyone would have imagined. Prior to his salvation in 1973, few would have guessed that he would build a legacy of positive impact and spiritual leadership. Through high school and college, he mirrored the harmful lifestyles of musicians he worked with, eventually stumbling into drug use and alcoholism. As he sought to get his life back on track, he read a book by Christian musician Dave Boyer who shared his testimony of faith. Soon afterward, Mike attended one of his concerts, heard the Gospel, and accepted Christ. “God gave me a brand-new start in life,” Mike explained. “He revolutionized my attitude and has since then allowed me to use my gifts and training for the last 30 years as a professor of music.”

With Mike’s longevity at Cedarville, he has not only contributed to making the music department what it is today but has also invested his life in the University and its students. Beth Porter, chair of the music and worship department, describes Mike as a demanding but compassionate teacher. “For a musician, he is extremely organized,” she said. “This helps him be a long-range planner who sees the big picture and is proactive toward improving the future of the music department.”

In addition to teaching, Mike founded the Jackets Pep Band, directs the Symphonic Band, and coordinates instrumental ensembles for the department. And as if that wasn’t enough, he has authored two beginning band method books and serves as the part-time minister of music at Faircreek Church in Fairborn, Ohio.

Dr. Chuck Clevenger, professor of piano, has worked and performed with Mike for 28 years. “Mike doesn’t just teach students,” Chuck said. “He makes disciples. He stays in his graduates’ lives, counseling and encouraging them for years.”

Besides working together, the two men often perform duets and recently recorded an album of sacred songs titled *Brass and Ivory*, which features Chuck on the piano and Mike on the trombone and euphonium. Mike has also joined forces with Charles Pagnard, professor of instrumental music, to record, tour, and back up several jazz artists, including trumpeter Mike Vax, saxophonist Hal Melia, and none other than vocalist Dave Boyer.

Music education major Jessica Kolody ’11 is one of Mike’s current advisees and credits “Mr. D” with inspiring her to use her God-given musical talents to be the best music educator possible. “As the student conductor for the Symphonic Band,” she said, “I will be forever thankful for the opportunities, advice, and guidance Mr. D has given me.”

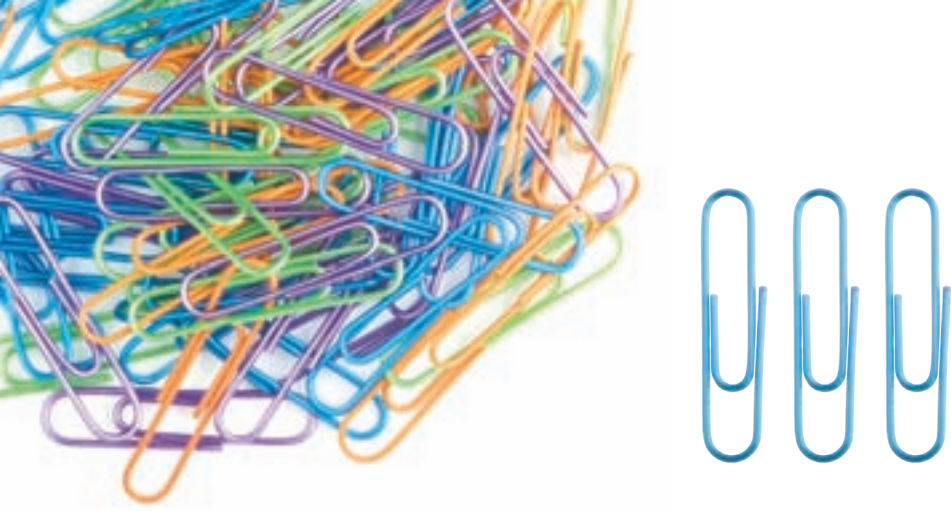
Mike and his wife, JoAnne, live in Xenia and have two sons, Paul ’99 and Michael, Jr. ’04. Mike continues his work at Cedarville as professor of instrumental music and conductor of the Symphonic Band.



THE POWER OF SIMPLICITY

Complex problems
often have surprisingly
simple solutions.

by Mark Kakkuri '93 and Sharyn Kopf



“Bing came about because someone asked a very good question: How can we make online searching easier and more organized?”

AS MOST WOULD AGREE, finding information “at the click of a mouse” isn’t quite as simple as it sounds — especially when those clicks lead to an ever-growing chain of websites. With an estimated one billion pages added to the web every day, the complexity and the chaos grow faster than anyone can keep up with. It’s been said, “The Internet is the world’s largest library; it’s just that all the books are on the floor.”

Overwhelmed by the clutter, few have ventured to begin the tedious process of putting the books back on the shelf. But Bill Pardi ’91 is one of those few. As a broadcasting major at Cedarville in the late 1980s, Bill would never have guessed that the cumbersome computers meagerly situated around campus would one day be the focus of his work. And the Internet? It never crossed his mind.

But 20 years later, as an upper-level Microsoft employee, he finds himself developing cutting-edge programs that not only pave the way for future Internet innovation but also simplify the search process for users around the globe.

In 2008, Bill joined a team that was already hard at work developing what would soon become the search engine Bing. Like many great ideas, Bing came about because someone asked a very good question: How can we make online searching easier and more organized? Since its launch last June, Bing has grown in popularity, due in part to the role Bill played in the process. He credits a providential meeting in 1997 with giving him the tools and credibility that later influenced his involvement with Bing.

BACK TO BASICS

As he walked into a Microsoft leadership seminar, Bill affixed his nametag to his shirt, well aware that he wasn’t supposed to be in that room. The two-day event was designed for senior-level employees; Bill had earned a spot at the last minute when several managers had to decline. The experience turned out to be more significant than he thought. “The seminar provided a breakthrough moment for me in terms of problem-solving,” he said. “It’s something I’ve carried with me in my personal and professional life since then, including my work on Bing.”

For Bill, it all came down to making things simpler. At the beginning of the seminar, the group was given a day and a half to solve a problem. Unlike the others in the room, Bill quickly realized the solution was relatively straightforward. But convinced the challenge was more complex than that, his team members dismissed Bill’s proposed answer. “As discussions and strategizing ran into the second day,” he recalled, “the group started to realize I was on to something. By the end of the exercise, we were right where I originally wanted to go.”

In acknowledgment of this, the team moved Bill to the top of the list when asked to rank members by amount of leadership. This relatively small accomplishment had a big influence. In realizing how simplifying seemingly complex problems can save a lot of time and work, Bill saw how daunting tasks can be broken down into something more manageable — and, of course, simpler.

All of this carried over into his work on Bing. As he began evaluating the world of Internet searching, he was stunned by how much time users waste chasing down information. “The state of web search today leaves a whole lot to be desired,” he said. “Regardless of the search engine, more than 40 percent of all searches don’t result in the answer users were looking for. What starts as a simple search ends up being overly complex and takes much more time. We created Bing to bring serious innovation to the world of online searching — and make it easier to find what you want.”

The new search technology may sound similar to Google, but according to Bill, the two companies look at the problem space very differently. He believes that since search technology is still in its infancy most of its innovation is still ahead.

FORWARD-THINKING

With the fast pace of technological growth, the opportunity is ripe for creative transformation. Bill has a growing fascination for the potential of social media networks like Twitter and Facebook. “Social media will be integral to how we use technology over the long term,” he said. “But at this point, I have a hard time finding a lot of value in today’s social media services.” He compares it to the early days of radio, when the new technology attracted so many broadcasters that every frequency was in use, turning the airwaves into a useless jumble of noise. Radio corrected itself relatively quickly, matured over time, and found its place. Bill believes the same will happen with social media as the clamor clears up, exposing the pure value of the technology.

Social media is just one aspect of the Internet Bill has his eye on. He admits to being constantly amazed by the online industry — like how massive the opportunities are and how far the business still has to go, despite the progress of the last 20 years.

“But the thing that has surprised me most recently,” he said, “is how many good ideas don’t succeed. For every big success, there are 100 others that don’t make it. Starting an online service is very easy and very cheap; the growing is the difficult part. It’s amazing how many concepts come and go without anyone noticing.”

With his work at Microsoft and his accomplishment with Bing, disappearing doesn’t look to be something he will have to worry about. As Bill’s story illustrates, making sense of today’s webs of complexity comes down to a creative mind and basic solutions — pure and simple. **i**

Bill Pardi '91 and his wife, Jodie, live in Edgewood, Washington. Jodie homeschools their three children and designs her own curriculum, based on the classical model. The family enjoys visiting museums, parks, and zoos, as well as biking and waterskiing. Visit www.discoverbing.com to learn more about Bing. You may contact Bill at bill.pardi@microsoft.com.

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As part of the Microsoft team, Bill Pardi '91 is helping to pave the way for future Internet innovation.

Designed for Success

by Hohna Hartley

A competitive field and tough economy couldn't stop these three graphic designers from putting their creativity to work.

IT SEEMS ALMOST EVERY TIME viewers turn on the news, they find themselves watching the same journalist at the same desk reporting on the same thing: how unemployment percentages are the highest they've been in decades. So when a major corporation posts a job opening in a tough market like graphic design, applicants immediately flood the company's human resources office with resumés and applications, eager to be chosen for the position.

That's one thing Mike Steiner '08 was fully aware of when he applied for an open graphic design position with Abbott Nutrition. An international company with offices in Columbus, Ohio, Abbott manufactures Similac infant formula and nutritional items like Ensure, PediaSure, Myoplex bars, EAS Myoplex shakes, and ZonePerfect nutrition bars — all widely distributed major brands.

When Mike was called in to interview with Abbott, he knew he was up against experienced designers and recent design school graduates. So he was more than pleased — and even a little surprised — when at the end of his interview he was told flat out, "We're looking to hire you on." From a long list of worthy applicants, Abbott picked Mike, a design grad from Cedarville. What's equally impressive is that Cedarville's design program began in 2003, graduated its first

students just three years ago, and has already seen its alumni land high-profile jobs in a competitive field.

Apparently, Mike's experience wasn't a fluke, because the company also hired John Rice '08 and Suzanne Wilson '08, which meant that three of Abbott's six open positions were filled by Cedarville design grads. They were all hired as labeling specialists, a production design position that requires expertise in the technical aspects of packaging and marketing design. Soon after graduation, the three designers found themselves gainfully employed in the field of their choice.

"It's really exciting as a designer to walk into stores like Walmart and Target and see products that I've worked on," said Suzanne. "Cedarville helped me get that opportunity, and I'm very thankful — because it feels really good."

Through both the interview process and their time on the job, the three new hires have been pleasantly amazed by how



prepared they are to meet the challenges of the real-world marketplace. For example, in addition to his design responsibilities, Mike travels to print facilities to make sure that the final printed products meet all of the company's technical and creative standards. He credits the thorough nature of the Cedarville design program for his ability to do this part of his job. He was surprised to learn that a number of his colleagues had never set foot in a print facility prior to graduation.

"Each assignment that we were given at Cedarville we had to take from beginning to end," said Mike. "We had to output it, have it printed, and submit it as a finished product."

Tim Frame, instructor of graphic design, explained that Cedarville students regularly receive "real project work for actual clients." As a result, they have a realistic idea of what they will be up against when they enter the marketplace.

Because of all the practice he'd had presenting projects to his fellow design students, John said he felt ready for his interview at Abbott. "In class, we spent a lot of time doing reviews where we would bring in our work, put it up on the wall, and then give a short presentation justifying what we had made and why," John noted.

In explaining how Cedarville's design program prepared them for their jobs at Abbott, Mike, John, and Suzanne were each quick to mention not only their class requirements but also the quality of their design professors. Rather than just teaching from textbooks, the faculty offered up-to-date business advice. "The professors are what made the program so great for me," Suzanne said. "They're actually in the business, and they know what works. You don't get that everywhere."

In fact, Tim Frame, who is also a freelance graphic designer, helped both John and Suzanne in their job searches even after they graduated. "For the first nine months out of school," said John,




Left to right: Hired as labeling specialists, John Rice '08, Suzanne Wilson '08, and Mike Steiner '08 filled three of Abbott Nutrition's six open positions, proving the excellence of Cedarville's graphic design program.

"freelance jobs were my only source of income, and every single one of those came through a connection I had because of Tim."

Aided by professors and equipped by challenging coursework, the three new Abbott employees were prepared to beat the marketplace competition in a tough economy. Now they are building on the foundation they received at Cedarville, thankful to have work in their chosen field.

And they aren't the only ones who are thankful. Teri Shell, associate director of labeling services at Abbott, is quite pleased to have the three Cedarville graduates as her employees. She described them as "highly skilled" and "highly professional" and enthusiastically shared, "I wish I had more of them!"

Apparently, life in the professional world is off to a great start for Mike, John, and Suzanne. Just by landing their jobs, they have already tasted success — and that's news worth reporting. 

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Window into the Word

Planting Seeds

The following is a portion of a message by Gracia Burnham, who spoke in chapel on January 6 as part of Cedarville's 2010 Missions Conference. She and her husband, Martin, had been missionaries in the Philippines for 17 years when a militant Muslim group took them hostage. More than a year later, a firefight freed them, but Martin was killed in the crossfire. Gracia's full message can be heard at www.ThePath.fm/chapel.

While Martin and I were held captive, we met a young man named Nadim. One day, after he finished his Koran reading, I asked him what it said, and he replied, "I don't know. It's written in Arabic, and I don't speak Arabic." Nadim based his entire life and his eternity on a book he had not read.

How will Nadim hear the Gospel without a preacher? We need preachers willing to go to the hard places. Missionary C.T. Studd said, "Some people like to live within the sound of church or chapel bell. I want to build a rescue shop within a yard of hell." Working within a yard of hell is not a pleasant place. But we need people willing to go to those hard places, and hard places are what are left in this world.

God has a plan to fix this problem — and we are it. God gave the job of winning and caring for this world to us. You might look around and think, "Well, that's a bad plan." But if we're willing, God will use us to accomplish His work.

Jesus said to love your enemies, to do good to those who hate you, to pray for those who spitefully use you. Maybe our job is to love Muslims, to do good to them, to pray for them. We can hope against hope that God can use us to make a difference in the lives of these blinded people.

My children and I have been praying for those guys who held Martin and me captive. We're praying that they get to hear the Gospel in their own language so the Holy Spirit can start working in their hearts. And why are we so surprised when God does something awesome and answers our prayers?

Just recently, I learned that Nadim and several of our other captors are in jail

in Manila for the rest of their lives. They're reading through the Scripture in their own dialects and going to Bible studies. I paid for boat tickets so family members could visit one of the prisoners. I am also supporting two of the poorest so they can buy soap and extra food. Three of the men have come to know the Lord as their Savior. We just can't believe what God is doing!

Had I known, when we were going through our hard year in the jungle, that even one of those guys would come to know Jesus because of our experience, I think the

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days might have been easier to bear. I kick myself and say, "Would it not have been enough to trust a good God with the days of my life?"

Maybe planting seeds isn't always fun; maybe it's downright uncomfortable. But all of a sudden you see what God is doing. I'm reminded how the seeds we planted in the jungle did not die. Others are reaping what we sowed seven years ago. Keep planting those seeds, my friend. Keep on when you don't see any fruit — because it's God who's going to do the work on down the road.

Gracia Burnham lives in Kansas and has three children. Visit her website at www.graciaburnham.org.

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Miracle on Main Street

When students designed the 1954 yearbook, they named it *The Miracle* — and the title has lasted ever since. That school year was characterized by financial strain, employee turnover, and campus relocation as the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland merged with Cedarville College. But through it all, they saw God's hand of provision. Yearbook editor Norma (McQuinn) Deranek '54 said they chose the title *The Miracle* because "that was exactly what God had done for us by giving us this wonderful school."



A Work of Art

by Carol Lee '96

Since his first Cedarville Fund gift in 1975, Floyd Rietveld has watched his investment grow. An avid art collector, he has an eye for talent — and a vision for Cedarville.

HE STOOD BEFORE THE PAINTING, transfixed. The colors, the lines, the brush strokes — he'd never seen anything like it. The sixth-grade son of a Dutch immigrant, Floyd Rietveld had won himself a day at the Toledo Art Institute after showing prize-winning cattle at the county fair. In the 1930s, a bus ride to the city amounted to a big time for a farm boy from Celeryville, Ohio. But it was the art that would change his life.

A Clean Canvas

Though he made his living as an engineer, Floyd never lost his fascination with fine art. He voraciously read about art history. Anytime he traveled for his job, he made a point to visit museums and galleries. He'd talk for hours with museum directors and docents — anyone willing to answer his questions. Soon, Floyd learned to identify artists by their distinctive techniques and to assess a painting's worth.

At the beginning, he only purchased a few inexpensive paintings since, as a newlywed, he couldn't afford much. When his wife, Annie, realized her husband's interest had grown beyond a passing hobby, she encouraged him to start investing in a collection.

Soon afterward, Floyd made his first purchase, a painting by Henry Farny. He spent hours preparing to make an educated bid at an art auction and was quite surprised to acquire the piece for such a low price. He later learned this valuable painting was supposed to be held for the second day of the auction, causing representatives en route from New York galleries to miss their chance to bid. Floyd found another gem in a friend's attic — an Alfred Bricher painting — which his friend sold him in exchange for help in identifying a James Whistler painting.

As his art knowledge grew, Floyd began making connections with representatives from established galleries in Chicago, Boston, and New York. He had a great time buying, selling, and trading his paintings as he built an impressive personal collection.

Brush Strokes

Floyd and Annie Rietveld first became connected with Cedarville in 1975. They were among the first President's Associates* with their annual gifts and contributed to building projects, scholarships, and pivotal new academic programs like the Elmer W. Engstrom Department of Engineering and Computer Science.

But Floyd always held a more personal vision for Cedarville. Long before the school had an art program, he dreamt of an art museum on campus — a place with the proper setting, lighting, and security to accommodate traveling art exhibits. Floyd often made trips to Chicago just so he could sit for hours studying a famous painting, and he hoped one day Cedarville students could have a place on campus to do the same. So, Floyd and Annie began tailoring their investments to bring fine art to Cedarville.

In the early 1980s, Floyd participated on a committee responsible for researching, funding, and purchasing fine art for the University. Primarily by 19th-century American artists, the paintings were beautiful additions to the campus, as well as long-term investments, when they began increasing in value.


Then, in 1982, Floyd and Annie broadened the scope of their giving by establishing a scholarship fund for students. Because the University did not yet have an art program, the Rietveld Fine Arts Award assisted students in the music department for more than 20 years. By the late 1990s, Cedarville had sufficient interest and funding to offer courses toward an art minor. The graphic design major was launched in 2003, followed by the studio art major in 2005. No one in the Cedarville family was more pleased than Floyd.

The Perfect Frame

Floyd is no longer the novice farm boy from Celeryville, though he still looks at art with the same sense of wonder and joy. The difference is that his lifetime of world travels and self-taught education in fine art have given him a more sophisticated lens. His engineer's eyes still marvel at an artist's technique, yet his greatest thrill comes when he finally sees in person artwork he has only studied in books.

He also enjoys helping others appreciate the beauty of art and draws inspiration from the influence of a mentor he once had. Early in his career, Floyd was a project engineer tasked with designing the first curved automobile windshield. He was just six months out of school, so it meant the world when the chief engineer came alongside to help him. This mentor spent hours with Floyd, tackling the project and sharing his knowledge.

The Rietvelds' investment in Cedarville is no different. Floyd finds immense satisfaction in sharing his time, talent, and treasure in ways that will forever influence students' lives. After all these years, Cedarville has become like a family, and the students who benefit from the couple's gifts are like their own children.

That's why Floyd continues dreaming for Cedarville. "This Dutchman doesn't give up," he said. "One day, there will be a museum at Cedarville. Maybe not in my time, but I'm happy to work with the University to accomplish that goal. One way or another, this part of my life will continue." 

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Floyd and Annie Rietveld are pictured in front of a Herman Herzog painting titled "After the Storm." With Floyd's advisement, the University purchased the piece from a Chicago gallery, and it now hangs in the President's Dining Room.

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Twenty years ago, I had the opportunity to work in Cedarville's admissions office. During my four years there, the question I answered more than any other was, "I know that Cedarville is a liberal arts school — but what exactly does that mean?" Some people imagine a school where students do nothing but play instruments and paint canvases, while others wonder what we mean by the word "liberal."

To answer the question simply, a liberal arts school not only trains students in their particular fields of study, but it also gives them a broad background in many disciplines, such as history, literature, music, and writing. As an admissions counselor, I could explain the significance of our liberal arts emphasis, but now — as I meet generations of alumni — I can actually see the

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influence it has had. This kind of education is, in part, why our graduates are so successful in their endeavors.

Who would have thought that I, as a math and physics major, would end up as the director of alumni relations, with many other positions held along the way? But general education classes in Bible, communication, and the humanities — as well as opportunities to act on Alford's theatre stage, sing with Concert Chorale and Swordbearers, and travel on MIS trips to Australia — gave me an education that was much deeper and broader than my area of study.

In today's marketplace, a liberal arts education gives our graduates a competitive edge. And they are making quite a name for themselves in fields that go beyond their specific majors. As a student, did Bill Pardi '91 think about designing a search engine? At that time, there were few computers on campus — much less the technology necessary for Internet searching. Josh Hanks '97 didn't know that his hours of writing papers and reading poetry would one day lead him to become a federal prosecutor. And a group of recent graphic design graduates have demonstrated their ability to excel in a high-demand field. These are just a few examples of how a liberal arts education prepares students to think critically and adapt easily. When bolstered by a Christ-centered worldview, this kind of education results in alumni who consistently rise to the top and make a difference in their spheres of influence.

Having experienced the benefits of a liberal arts education, our alumni invest in Cedarville by encouraging the next generation of high school students to attend the University. Do you know outstanding students who should consider Cedarville? Send us the names of three prospective students, and we'll send you a University t-shirt. Visit www.cedarville.edu/names to complete an easy online form. Pray along with us that God will use your influence to equip students to make a difference for Christ as they begin their Cedarville experience.

So how are you benefiting from your Cedarville education? If you're like me, God had plans in mind for your life that you could never have imagined. I'm reminded of Jeremiah 29:11: "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" Don't hesitate to contact us and share what God is doing in you and through you. We'll rejoice with you and praise Him together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Beste". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a cursive "Beste".

Jeff Beste '87
Director of Alumni Relations

chapter focus



More than 200 alumni and their families reunited at Cedarville for Alumni Basketball Weekend on February 6. In addition to the many Yellow Jackets festivities, the group took part in the first-ever Pre-Game Party.

Prior to the men's varsity basketball game, the group enjoyed a Chick-fil-A dinner while watching the Lady Jackets game on the big screen. They were also honored to have the new Yellow Jacket mascot attend the chapter event.

Special thanks to the Cincinnati, Columbus, and Miami Valley alumni chapters, whose involvement helped make this event a success! Visit www.cedarville.edu/alumni/events and click on the link under "Previous Event Photos" to see additional photos.

To learn more about alumni chapters and to see if there is one in your area, visit www.cedarville.edu/alumni/chapters. Please contact Mark McDaniel '05, coordinator for regional events and services, at mmcdaniel@cedarville.edu if you have any questions or would like to participate in your local chapter.

1960s



Joe Stowell '66 announces his book *Jesus Nation*, published by Tyndale House and released in August 2009. The book encourages believers to passionately live out their identity as followers of Christ. He serves as president of Cornerstone University.



Keith Shubert '67 and his wife, Jeannette, serve at East Asia School of Theology in Singapore. They have lived in Asia since 2002 and enjoy teaching and mentoring students.



Fred Stickle '69 received his fifth Teacher of the Year Award as a professor at Western Kentucky University.



William '68 and Cindy (Eckart) McVey '70 had a unique opportunity to run a Jewish church camp last summer as part of Jewish Awareness Ministries of Ohio.

recent events



October 9 — Atlanta, Georgia

While attending the 2009 Catalyst Conference, several alumni connected over lunch and reminisced about their Cedarville years.



November 14 — Washington, D.C., Chapter Event

Students involved in Cedarville's new D.C. Semester program connected with local alumni for lunch at the Leadership Institute.



January 29 — OMEA Reception in Cincinnati, Ohio

Music alumni gathered for a reception in conjunction with the Ohio Music Education Association Conference in Cincinnati. Faculty from the music department joined them for a fun evening!

1970s



These alumni are working in Chittagong, Bangladesh, with ABWE projects (left to right): **Heidi (Yehnert) Smith '03**, **Matt Smith '03**, **Kenneth Waldock '01**, **Larry Allen '72**, **Nancy (Leapline) Allen '70**, **Kathy Jones '94**, **Elyse Fye '09**, **Peni Howder '89**, and **Edie (Phillips) Sartor '70**. Missing from the picture are **Hannah (Allen) Waldock '00** and **Andrew Hartnett**, a current Cedarville M.Ed. graduate student.

1980s

Judy (Mohr) Grothaus '84 and her husband, Tom, reside in Spring Valley, California, where Tom is the head of the computer department at Turning Point Ministries and Judy is a stay-at-home mom.



Richard Sharpe '86 was recently promoted to captain in the United States Navy. He left for Afghanistan in September 2009 in his fourth deployment as a Navy trauma surgeon. His wife, **Joanne (Laird) '86**, and children, Rich, Josh, and Lauren, proudly await his return.

Kimberly (Sweet) Powers '89 announces the release of her book *Escaping the Vampire Within*. Addressing *The Twilight Saga*, the

book offers young girls a real immortal hero through Christ. Kimberly is the executive director of Walk the Talk Ministries, a national nonprofit youth ministry, and lives in Chesapeake, West Virginia, with her husband, Tim, and their two sons.

Alastair '89 and Kathy (Lippert) Wright '89 live in Riverside, Rhode Island. Alastair serves as the athletic director and physical education teacher at Barrington Christian Academy. They have four children, Kimberley (15), Allie (13), Megan (12), and Ian (9).

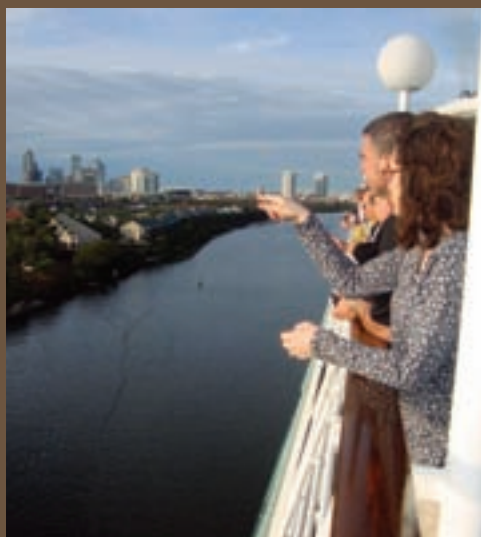
1990s



Alan '91 and Michelle (Maners) Swartz '91 announce the births of H. Nathan on June 11, 2002; Isaac Larry on August 18, 2004; and Anna Darling on May 16, 2007. Alan is a principal electrical designer for Chicago Bridge & Iron, and Michelle homeschools their children. They reside in Tyler, Texas.



Todd Fogle '92 serves as a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force and assumed command of the 352nd operations support squadron in November 2009. He and his wife, **Johanna (Burtis) '90**, live in the United Kingdom with their children, Nathan, Claire, and Adam.



Friends for Life Cruise

On February 11–15, while much of the country faced cold winds and snowstorms, a group of Cedarville alumni and friends experienced a much warmer climate aboard the *Grandeur of the Seas*! On this year's Friends for Life Cruise, the group set sail for Cozumel, Mexico, and enjoyed four days of fun, food, and fellowship. Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brown also attended the special event.

A highlight of the trip was the Sunday morning worship service. Other guests on the cruise joined the group as Jeff Beste '87, Jim Cato '83, and Stephanie Minier '05 provided music and Dr. Brown gave a brief message.

"The best part of the cruise was building relationships," shared Jeff, director of alumni relations. "It's amazing how much you get to know people in such a short amount of time. Whether relaxing together, eating dinner, or playing shuffleboard, we had so many great opportunities to talk about God, family, and life."



Brenda (Woods) Phillips '93 and her husband, Kevin, announce the births of Daniel Lawrence and Emma Catherine on March 19, 2009. They reside in East Lynn, Illinois, where Brenda is a stay-at-home mom and Kevin is a pastor.



Robb Barnum '94 and his wife, Nancy, announce the birth of Ryan Shane on December 31, 2008. He was welcomed home by brothers Devan (7) and Kyle (4). The family resides in West Hartford, Connecticut, where Robb works for Conning Asset Management and Nancy stays at home with the children.



Josette (Walborn) Hildreth '94 and her husband, Nate, announce the birth of Lauren Ann on June 16, 2009. She joined big sister Kendra Diane, who was born on November 4, 2004. They reside in Caledonia, Ohio.

recent events



February 4 — Phoenix, Arizona

Guests enjoyed dinner with Dr. Bill Brown and Jeff Beste '87. After dinner, Dr. Brown provided a campus update.



February 10 — Tampa, Florida

At this alumni event, Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brown gave a campus update to the group before they headed off on the Friends for Life Cruise.



March 1 — Dallas Chapter Event

The rain couldn't keep these alumni away from their chapter event, where close to 40 guests enjoyed a traditional Texas feast of Rudy's Bar-B-Q.



Bob Pontius '94 and his wife, Bethany, reside in Akron, Ohio. Bob received his master's degree in interpersonal communication from the University of Akron in 2001. He now serves as an adjunct faculty member there and is also employed full time in the medical sales field. They have four children, Bobby, Mary, Grace, and George.



Gretchen (Steininger) Severance '94 and her husband, Rick, announce the birth of Finley Marsh on October 16, 2008. She joined her sisters, Campbell (10) and Sutton (7), at home in Destin, Florida.



Camille (Holloway) Schuette '95 and her husband, Jon, reside in Gig Harbor, Washington. Jon works at Russell Investment Group, and Camille works part time from home as a compliance manager for J&M Management. They have two boys, Adam (6) and Ethan (3).



Phillip '95 and **Melissa (Mocny) Snyder '96** announce the birth of their son Jack Phillip on December 6, 2008. He joined siblings Nicholas (7) and Emily (3) at home in Rochester, New York. Phillip is the operations manager for Enterprise Rent-A-Car, and Melissa homeschools the children.



Chad '95 and **Michelle (Steenwyk) Wingert '94** announce the birth of Micah Donald, born on April 8, 2008. He joined Katie (11), Jenna (7), and Claire (4). Chad is a business manager, and Michelle teaches piano lessons. They reside in Falling Waters, West Virginia.



Greg Chance '96 and his wife, April, announce the births of Mason Gregory and Allison Marie, born on May 18, 2009, and welcomed home by Leah (3). Greg is an engineer for Motorola, and April enjoys staying at home in Round Lake Beach, Illinois.



Remembering Joe Waddle '37

Joseph Waddle '37 of Yellow Springs, Ohio, passed away on January 5, 2010, at the age of 94, but he left a considerable mark on both the University and its campus. The Waddle family farm, where Joe grew up, stood adjacent to the Cedarville College campus. In 1962, Joe sold the farm to the College, a purchase partially funded by \$1,000 donated by students. The land spanned the area where the Dixon Ministry Center, Stevens Student Center, and northern residence halls now stand. At that time, Cedar Lake was just a small creek, and Joe later commented on how thrilled his father would have been to see a lake on his farm.

As a child, Joe enjoyed watching Cedarville basketball games and, as a student, played varsity basketball and baseball at the College. He went on to teach high school and coach basketball, leading his team to a state championship. He remained a loyal Yellow Jacket and was honored in 2007 (pictured left) as one of the University's most faithful fans, with 75 years of involvement in the athletic program. Reflecting on Joe's legacy, the entire Cedarville family is forever indebted to him and his family for making the campus what it is today.



Bowe '96 and Kimberly (Bandy) Hoy '97 announce the birth of Anna Belle on September 2, 2009. She was welcomed home by siblings Caleb (6), Olivia (4), and Ella Jane (3) in Richmond, Kentucky.



Robert '98 and Julie (Jaskilka) Bouwens '98 announce the birth of Abigail Sofia on June 5, 2009. She was welcomed home by siblings Samuel and Elissa in Indianapolis, Indiana.



Amy (Thayer) Haeck '98 and her husband, Nathan, announce the birth of Jonathan Mark on September 18, 2009. He joined big sister Jillian (2) at home in Meadville, Pennsylvania.



Chuck Ware '97 and his wife, Michelle, announce the birth of Lydia May on June 26, 2009. She joins siblings Silas (4) and Naomi (2) at home in West Chester, Ohio. Chuck is a patent attorney for Procter and Gamble.



Christine (Martin) Brubaker '98 and her husband, Curt, announce the birth of Luke Reagan on December 9, 2008. He was welcomed home by big brothers Carson (6) and Kellon (4). They reside in Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania, where Curt is a farmer and Christine is a stay-at-home mother.



James Miller '98 and his wife, Rochelle, live in Pitcairn, Pennsylvania. James serves as youth director for First Baptist Church of Monroeville and works at Elmer's Aquarium. He received his Master of Theological Studies from the Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

recent events



March 3 — San Antonio, Texas

At this gathering, alumni were joined by current Cedarville students and even a prospective student and family! They appreciated being able to reminisce about their college years.



Joeey (Decker) Reineman '98 and her husband, Gene, announce the birth of Gabriel Raygan Sonny, born on August 2, 2007, and welcomed home by Josette Olivia Rose (6). They reside in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.



Dale Pinkley, Jr., '99 and his wife, Sarah, announce the birth of Isaac Makanalani on February 5, 2009. Dale is the youth pastor at Puna Congregational Christian Church. They reside in Keaau, Hawaii.

upcoming events

May 8

Houston, Texas | Chapter Event

May 22

Atlanta, Georgia | Chapter Event

July 24

Seattle, Washington | Chapter Event

July 30

Portland, Oregon | Regional Event

For more events, visit www.cedarville.edu/alumnievents.
(All event information is subject to change.)



Julie (Opperman) Cuplin '99 and her husband, Kyle, announce the birth of Abigail Grace on February 11, 2009. Julie graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law in May 2009 and is practicing with an education law firm. Kyle owns his own business, Cuplin & Associates Land Surveyors and Planners. They live in Seguin, Texas.



Steven '99 and **Michelle (Ackerman) Weber '01** announce the birth of Ezra Steven on November 1, 2009. He joined his sisters, Amelie (5) and Maeve (2), in Haddon Heights, New Jersey. Steven recently completed his master's degree in music education at Boston University and teaches high school music. Michelle stays home with the children.

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Justin Martens '99 and his wife, Cheryl, announce the birth of Mia Renee. She was born on April 16, 2008, and welcomed home by Brianna (6) and Ryleigh (4). They live in Land O' Lakes, Florida, where Cheryl stays at home and Justin is a police officer.

2000s



Kyle '00 and **Heather (Tyson) Kickbusch '00** reside in Toledo, Ohio. Kyle is a CPA and senior accountant at HCR ManorCare. Heather works part time at Emmanuel Christian School and enjoys staying home with their boys, Kayden Micah (4) and Karston Matthew (2).



Sarah (Rittgers) Roduner '00 and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of Talia Priscilla on October 11, 2008. She joined her brother, Timothy (3), in Rochester, Minnesota. Steve is a software engineer at IBM, and Sarah stays home with the children and works as a nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit.



Paul DeHart '01 and his wife, Carrie, announce the birth of Judson Allan on August 6, 2009. Paul is a senior engineer at Honda R&D, and Carrie is a full-time mom. They reside in Urbana, Ohio.



Kevin '01 and Kristen (Konzelman) Hamilton '02 announce the birth of Andrew Mark on August 6, 2009. He joins his sister, Gabrielle, in New Jersey.



Lindsey (Borland) Stevenson '00 and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of Chase David on December 8, 2006. Craig works at an engineering/surveying firm, and Lindsey is a labor and delivery nurse. They live in Circleville, Ohio.



Jason '01 and Alia (Hunter) Edem '03 announce the birth of Alexander Charles on April 28, 2008. Jason is an engineer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and recently finished acting as his own general contractor in the building of their house. Alia taught first grade for six years and now stays at home. They reside in Beavercreek, Ohio.



Shawn (Stephens) Hansen '01 and her husband, Dave, announce the birth of Nicholas Henning on July 18, 2009. He was welcomed home by big brother Alex (1). The family resides in Arlington, Virginia, where Shawn enjoys staying home with the boys and Dave is a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force.

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The Power of Piano Lessons

Like many piano-playing children, Lauren Shackelford '05 participated in weekly lessons, hours of practicing, and annual recitals. And now, she's a piano teacher herself — and trains her college students for the same role.

With her degree in piano pedagogy from Cedarville, Lauren credits the program and its professors with profoundly influencing her dream of one day starting a similar program at another school — but she never thought it would happen so quickly. After earning a Master of Music degree from the University of Oklahoma, she was asked to help start a piano pedagogy program at The Master's College (TMC) in California. She joined TMC in 2007 and immediately began developing coursework for the new program.

"The most satisfying part of this project has been seeing our students blossom as teachers," Lauren explained. "I love not only teaching these students but also learning alongside them about what it means to love the Lord and be His instrument."

Lauren admits she sometimes feels inadequate for the responsibility. "But I've also seen that God provided exactly this job at exactly this time in my life," she said. "God continues to refine me both as a teacher and as His child through my role at TMC."

In addition to teaching at TMC, Lauren operates a music studio where she teaches piano lessons to 25 students who range in age from 6 to 52. She is also active in the music ministry of her church. You may contact her at lshackelford@masters.edu.

"I love not only teaching these students but also learning alongside them about what it means to love the Lord."



Rebecca Nasman '01 and Michael Tibbetts were married on April 4, 2009. They reside in Brookline, Massachusetts, where Rebecca is a sales representative for Pearson Education and Michael is a first-year medical intern at Brigham and Women's Hospital.



Ken '02 and **Sherri (DeWitt) Mansfield '01** announce the birth of their son Jack Roscoe on March 12, 2009. He joined his sister, Ellenanne, at home in Burdett, New York. Ken is a manager at a vineyard, and Sherri enjoys staying home.



Grafton Bowersox '04 and **Cathy Farley '04** were married on June 21, 2008. Grafton is a sheriff's deputy for Montgomery County (Ohio), and Cathy teaches kindergarten.



Kristi (Jonker) Calkins '02 and her husband, Chris, announce the birth of Ethan Kai on August 7, 2009. He was welcomed home by big sister Annalisa Grace (1). Chris is a stay-at-home dad, and Kristi teaches fourth grade. They live in Reynoldsburg, Ohio.



Ben Michael '03 and Jessica Neal were married on August 1, 2009. They live in Fort Rucker, Alabama, where Ben is completing flight school in the United States Army.



Ryan '04 and **Kristie (Uminn) Husband '03** announce the birth of Ava Reece on June 1, 2009. She was welcomed home by Raegan (2) and Owen (1) in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Stephen '02 and **Carla (Stoltenberg) Gaines '02** announce the birth of Brianna Rose on January 29, 2009. She joined Mackensie Faith, who was born on August 16, 2007. Stephen is a technician in the computer services department at Cedarville. They live in Xenia, Ohio.



Nate '03 and **Judi (McLeod) Upham '00** announce the birth of Gabriel Nathan on September 2, 2009. They reside in Ephrata, Pennsylvania, where Nate is a physics teacher and Judi works part time at a financial advisory firm.



Christine Newhard '04 and Christopher Bartkowski were married on July 18, 2009. Christine is pursuing a law degree at Penn State University Dickinson School of Law, and Chris is a computer applications programmer. They live in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.



Kassondra Keller '05 and Aron Theroux were married on June 28, 2008. Aron is a financial analyst for BAE Systems, and Kassy is a teacher. They reside in Merrimack, New Hampshire.



Todd '06 and **Jennifer (Becker) Huster '06** announce the birth of Samantha Jacqueline on August 19, 2009. They live in Springfield, Ohio, where Todd is an electrical engineer for Jacobs Engineering at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Jen taught sixth-grade language arts but is now a full-time mom.



Lizzie (Orrison) MacGray '06 and her husband, Aaron, announce the birth of Jake Kitchener on November 28, 2009. Lizzie is a preschool special needs teacher, and Aaron is a product engineer. They reside in Cumberland, Maryland.



Courtney O'Connell '05 is completing her master's degree in international development from Eastern University by interning for one year in Zambia with Bright Hope International. She is focusing on community development through education and microfinance programs.

Kelsey Jones '06 and Dr. Sandra Shortt, adjunct instructor of nursing at Cedarville, provided a professional presentation titled "Fitville and the Fit Challenge: Promoting Fitness Fun in Rural Ohio" at the Ohio Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance in Columbus, Ohio, on December 3, 2009.



Anthony Mandela '06 (pictured in red) serves as the resident director of Lawlor Hall at Cedarville. In December 2009, he took 10 resident assistants on a service trip to New Orleans, where they built houses with Samaritan's Purse.

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Yellow Jackets Reconnect at Cedarville

During this year's Alumni Basketball Weekend, held on February 6, dozens of former Yellow Jackets swarmed the Callan Athletic Center. They enjoyed catching up with one another, playing in alumni games, and attending the men's and women's varsity games. The alumni players had the opportunity to meet the current players and enjoy a meal with the teams. Everyone appreciated the chance to reconnect with alumni and the 'Ville during this memorable weekend!



Benjamin Swanson '06 and Chelsie Hoffman '08 were married on July 26, 2009. Ben works in security at Seattle Children's Hospital, and Chelsie is a substitute teacher. They live in Seattle, Washington.



Aaron Briggs '07 and Brittney Bowman '07 were married on July 5, 2008. Aaron is a mechanical engineer with Exelon Corporation, and Brittney is a teacher. They reside in Marlton, New Jersey.



Nichole (Mouw) Douglass '07 and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of Madelyn Grace on July 1, 2009. Nichole is a registered nurse for Advantage Health. They live in Hudsonville, Michigan.



Nathan Lane '08 and Celeste Cato '08 were married on January 2, 2009. They reside in Cedarville, Ohio.



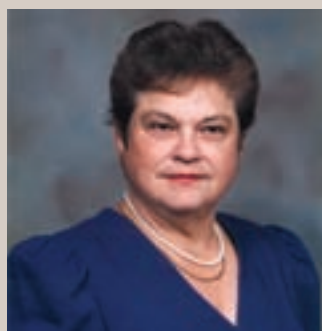
Nicholas Arch '09 and Shannon DeRusha '09 were married on October 24, 2009. They reside near Hartford, Connecticut, where Nick works for United Technologies Corporation and Shannon is a registered nurse.

In Memory

We extend our condolences to the families and friends of these dear loved ones.

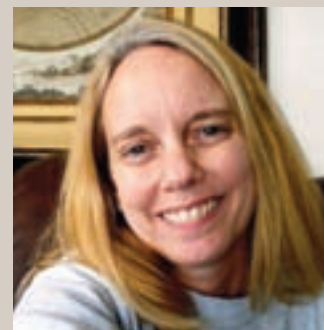


Ronald Meyers '71 went home to be with the Lord on October 18, 2009, in Grand Rapids, Michigan. For 30 years, he taught in the science, math, and kinesiology departments of Cornerstone University, where he earned the respect of both colleagues and students. As a dedicated member of Berean Baptist Church, he sang in the choir, served on the board, and taught Sunday school. He is survived by wife **Karen (Borger) '70**, three children, and two grandsons.



Lorraine (Winn) Bower '74, of Cincinnati, Ohio, went home to be with the Lord on

September 15, 2009. She received degrees from Cedarville and Cincinnati Christian University and studied voice at the Cincinnati College of Music. She worked briefly as director of youth and music at a local church and also taught history and English in public schools. For 11 years, she served as resident manager of the Shriners Hospital Burn Unit's Parent House in Cincinnati. She was also an active member of her church and volunteered with several local ministries. She is survived by her husband, Conrad; their two sons, Greer and Robin; and seven grandchildren.



Mary Newsome '86 of Santiago, Dominican Republic, passed away on September 18, 2009. After graduating from Cedarville with a degree in English, she received her teaching certificate from Eastern Michigan University and conducted post-graduate work in technology and counseling. Since 2004, she served as a teacher and counselor at Santiago Christian School.

To send your updates, visit www.cedarville.edu/inspire or e-mail alumni@cedarville.edu. You may also send them to Alumni Relations, 251 N. Main St., Cedarville, OH 45314. Deadlines are December 15 for the spring issue, April 15 for the summer issue, and August 15 for the fall/winter issue. The editorial staff has full discretion regarding submissions.

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A Dream Come True

When Janice (Klingenberg) Marsteller '83 graduated from Cedarville, she never anticipated she would become a pharmacist. But God soon directed her down a new path — one that led her to the field of pharmacy and, eventually, back to Cedarville.

In 2005, Janice graduated with her Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of Toledo and now works for Paramount Health as a managed care pharmacist. She mostly works behind the scenes in managing biological drugs, developing various educational programs, and monitoring and reviewing patterns of drug use. With her natural inclination to challenge the status quo, it's no surprise she finds her work rewarding. "There is so much potential in the field," she said. "I can continually look for ways to change a thought pattern, apply knowledge in a new way, or take something unnoticed and make it real and valuable."

As Janice first began her trek into pharmacy, she thought it would be a great fit for Cedarville, given the University's strong reputation in the sciences. But she admits, "I realized it would probably never happen." When she was asked in 2007 to join Cedarville's Pharmacy Advisory Board, she jumped at the chance. Since then, she's enthusiastically supported the launch of the school of pharmacy, which welcomed 52 students as members of its inaugural class last fall. As she explained, "I've enjoyed the privilege of providing input and ideas to the building of what will become one of the best programs in the nation. I'm glad dreams do become reality, and I look forward to being at the graduation of the first pharmacy class!"

You may contact Janice at janice.marsteller@sbcglobal.net. Visit www.cedarville.edu/pharmacy to learn more about the pharmacy program.

Where in the World Is Cedarville?

Best Overall
Brian Hartsell '03, who evidently is not afraid of heights, is seen here at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan.



1. Best Family Photo

Benjamin '04 and Janet (Kishpaugh) Whipple '04 took one of their first family pictures when they traveled to Ethiopia to bring home their adopted son Isaac Degele.

2. Most Adventurous

While teaching in Beijing, China, through Cedarville's ERAP program, Micah '08 and Laura (Ziegenfuss) Martin '08 vacationed to the island of Koh Chang in southeastern Thailand.

3. Most Creative

Sisters Kristy '09 and Katie McGunnigal '03 show their Cedarville spirit atop the Great Wall of China.

4. Best Participation

This family took advantage of a beautiful photo backdrop while traveling in Corsica. Left to right: Abby Hanssen, Joe Hanssen '89, Jake Hanssen, Debby (Ager) Hanssen '89, Merlin Ager '60, Ruth (Himsel) Ager '61, John-Paul, Jr., Moreland, Mindy (Ager) Moreland '85, J.P. Moreland

5. Most Famous

Brendan and Jamie (Anfang) Coyne '06 enjoyed meeting up with Dr. and Mrs. Bill Brown in Ephesus, Turkey.

6. Farthest From Cedarville

Brisbane, Australia, proved to have some unique photography opportunities for Grace Jones '09 and Sarah Andersen '09.

7. Honorable Mention

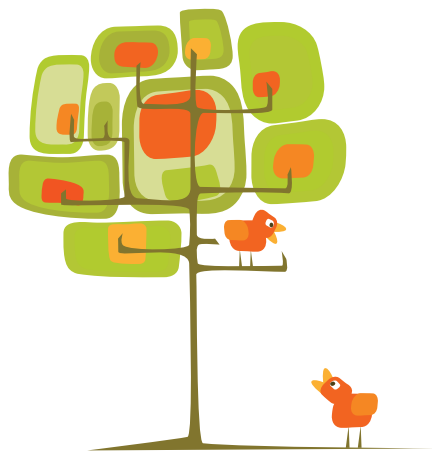
Amie Bockstahler '01 had a breathtaking spot for viewing the Incan ruins of Machu Picchu, Peru.

8. Honorable Mention

In Red Rocks Park near Denver, Colorado, Filemon and Andrea (McCormick) Cruz-Santiago '04 took this photo of their son Emmanuel — a future Cedarville student!

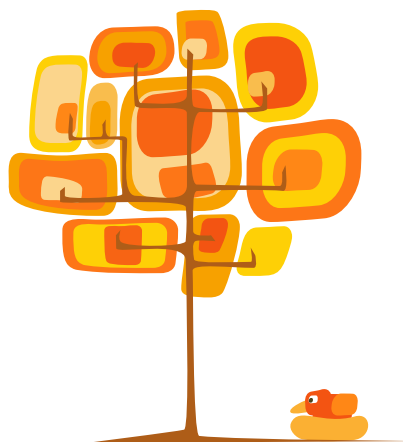
To view all of the photo submissions, visit www.cedarville.edu/inspire. And begin planning your entry for next year's contest!





Finding Success in a Changing World

by Dr. Steven Winteregg



WHEN LEWIS CARROLL dropped little Alice into her Wonderland adventures, he sent the curious child into a world where things could change in an instant. She had to be ready for anything, whether it was speaking French to a mouse or negotiating a fair trial with the Queen of Hearts.

Today's college graduates also face a world of change, accelerated in many instances by the current economic downturn. As change inevitably occurs — and at a much quicker pace — it is important to be reminded of the value of the humanities. How can studying communication arts, history, government, language, literature, music, or art prepare students for careers in a constantly morphing society?

The days of working for one employer and retiring with a gold watch and a pension are essentially over. According to James Mannoia, author of *Christian Liberal Arts: An Education That Goes Beyond*, it is not uncommon for people to change jobs five times before they are 40 and to even switch professions three to six times in their lifetime. In order to do that, a person needs to have mental agility as well as a broad background.

Arthur Holmes, a professor at Wheaton College, wrote in his book *The Idea of a Christian College*, “We are reminded by those who try to buffer against ‘future shock’ that our present job skills will soon be outmoded, and that the things we learn to do now will be vastly different in a few short years. Education should therefore prepare us to adapt, to think, and to create.”

In a survey of employers commissioned by the Association of American Colleges and Universities and conducted by Hart Research Associates in 2006, at least 70 percent of employers said they wanted colleges to place more emphasis on global issues, critical thinking, analytic reasoning, written and oral communication, creativity and innovation, intercultural competence, and real-world knowledge. These are all areas of specialty in the humanities!

Traditionally, the humanities have been recognized for their contribution to the development of a student's character, especially in the areas of values and ethics. In that same Hart Research survey, at least 50 percent of employers said they wanted more emphasis on cultural values and ethics. Unfortunately, with the growing trend toward moral relativity, the humanities in the public sector have lost their ability to develop a person's character. In fact, one now has to question what values are being developed and whether they are consistent with biblical truth.

However, when all viewpoints are given equal weight, moral values become the preference of the individual rather than a collective characteristic of society. Thus, common values no longer connect us with the past, they no longer connect us to one another in the present, and they no longer shape society in a shared direction for the future. Where there is no common set of values, the humanities themselves are devalued. The emphasis is placed on the individual and not on God. Not only has today's student been left with a plethora of viewpoints and no sense of direction, but humanity has also become the object of worship.

"How can studying communication arts, history, government, language, literature, music, or art prepare students for careers in a constantly morphing society?"




In the Christian university, however, the humanities still retain the ability to develop strong character because there is an objective viewpoint that undergirds the discipline. When we recognize that God is the object of worship as well as the source of truth, the study of His created beings and their creations — when evaluated from the standard of biblical truth — becomes an important part in determining moral values and in sifting through the myriad of worldviews.

For all these reasons, the study of the humanities is important to Cedarville students. When John Stuart Mill gave his inaugural address in 1867 upon his election as rector of the University of St. Andrews, he made the following statement: "Men are men before they are lawyers, or physicians, or merchants, or manufacturers; and if you make them capable and sensible men, they will make themselves capable and sensible lawyers or physicians."

Dr. Larry Brown of Lipscomb University took this idea a step further when he said, "A premed student may learn more about the value of human life in a literature or philosophy course than in all of medical school. A business major may realize through a

course in art or music appreciation that there are riches other than monetary ones to be enjoyed in this world."

No matter what they're earning a degree in, students at Cedarville study the humanities in order to address the questions of life and apply what they have learned in their Bible minor. As a result, they develop the vital skills they will need to navigate our rapidly changing world — not only from a professional standpoint but also from a spiritual one. 



Dr. Steven Winteregg serves as dean of the school of humanities. He holds degrees from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, Wright State University, and The Ohio State University. He is an award-winning composer and has had many of his compositions performed around the world. He has also served as principal tuba for the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra and is currently a member of its board of trustees. You may contact him at winteregg@cedarville.edu.

Training the Next Generation of Educators

Dr. Floyd Elmore '77 and his wife, Pam (Repine) '01, have found a way to combine their passions for missions and teaching. Floyd, a former Cedarville Bible professor and department chair, now trains future pastors and teachers at seminaries in Costa Rica and Cuba.

In 2001, the couple left Cedarville to take on the pastorate of Faircreek Church in Fairborn, Ohio. "One of the reasons," Floyd said, "was because the church offered us eight weeks a year to be involved in missions, which gave me more flexibility."

Floyd's work at Faircreek eventually connected him with the Cuba Partnership, a group of churches and missions organizations working together to rebuild the Las Palmas Camp and Conference Center in Cuba.

But before going to Cuba, Floyd started teaching in San José, Costa Rica, at Esepa Seminary, an education partner with Las Palmas. Soon afterward, Esepa not only asked Floyd to coordinate the Cuba education project but also invited him to serve as the seminary's academic dean. The Elmore's now live and work in Costa Rica, and Floyd travels to Cuba twice a year to train future leaders there.

"Although Cuba has three seminaries," he said, "none of them is large enough to hold a master's program independently. Esepa now offers graduate-level courses that allow the other seminaries to train their professors without relying on foreigners."

You may contact Floyd at felmore2@yahoo.com.



Where
Are They
Now?



What Would Jesus Think?

by Dr. William E. Brown

Dr. Brown's Top Picks

■ Book

Counterfeit Gods by Timothy Keller

The subtitle says it all: "The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope That Matters." This is another powerful book by one of today's most articulate apologists.

■ Website

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The World News Network is the website for news links from around the world.

■ Podcast

www.greatdetectives.net/detectives

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■ Movie

Vitus

Nominated in 2006 for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, this poignant and funny movie chronicles a child prodigy who wants to grow up normal.

Charles Malik, former president of the United Nations General Assembly, said the most important question educators must ask is, "What does Jesus Christ think of our school?" Not *U.S. News & World Report*, not *The Princeton Review*, not *Forbes* — but Jesus.

So, what would Jesus think of Cedarville? And what would He ask of us?

No doubt He would expect us to equip students for passionate, holy living and, at the same time, to engage people with the truth of the Gospel. He and the apostles certainly modeled this proactive life for us.

Living out such a vision means that we intentionally invest in students by broadening and deepening their ability to make a difference. The most obvious way we do this is by helping them know the living God. This process begins with Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul's passion was "to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His sufferings" (Phil. 3:10). The goal is not merely to know *about* God but to have an intimate, growing relationship *with* Him.

Too many people are merely fans of Jesus. They pour over all the data and absorb every detail about Him — but they do not *know* Him. Like a star-struck fanatic, they confuse information with relationship. This does not mean that biblical knowledge is not important. In fact, it is vital. We must ensure that our students know and love God's Word.

Biblical and theological knowledge is crucial to personal growth and cultural engagement. Words of sound doctrine nourish our souls. Not only that, but Paul also reminds his readers to "watch your life and doctrine closely" (1 Tim. 4:16).

We are driven to pursue truth so that we might know God's world. God has organized the entire world "so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him" (Acts 17:27). Around the world and across time, humanity has used literature, art, music, and entertainment to express their attempt to make sense of life. Just as Paul quoted Epimenides and Aratus to the Athenians, we also have the opportunity to engage God's world by confronting the prophets and poets of our day.

In following Paul's example, we study culture not solely to demonstrate its distinction from biblical truth but also to, at times, point out the parallels. When an acquaintance asked Oswald Chambers if he needed to study other subjects beyond the Bible, Chambers encouraged his friend to "soak, soak, soak" in these academic disciplines so that he could better understand and communicate God's Word.

A Cedarville education deepens the heart and broadens the mind to understand the world as Christ does. With no compromise in doctrinal commitments, we enthusiastically interpret the world to Christians and interpret the truth of Christ to the world. Charles Malik not only wants us to consider what Christ thinks of Cedarville, but he goes on to challenge us to make certain that we "redeem the mind as well as the soul."

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